**Assigning Students to Middle School Classes**

**(The following information is given to the guidance counselors of each of our feeder schools. The counselors then share the information with every 5th grade teacher.)**

Assigning current 5th grade students to appropriate classes for their upcoming 6th grade year can be challenging. Yet we all know that finding the best fit for each student not only helps them progress academically, but it plays into their attitude, sense of self-worth and drive to achieve and succeed. Students that experience difficulty may be moved to Core classes. If you believe you need to make a change in your student’s placement, please contact the Guidance Department as soon as possible. Here are some guidelines to consider when recommending your students for Advanced classes in middle school:

**Advanced Math:**

* Highly Motivated
* Good Attendance
* Possess the true ability to succeed
* Strong work ethic
* Independently competent worker
* Strong critical thinking skills
* Organized and homework compliant

• Good work and study habits

Mastery of all basic facts

* Students will take Grade 8 SOL test at the end of the year
* Students will take Honors Algebra in 7th grade
* NOT all "A" students should be recommended

**Advanced English:**

* Truly enjoys reading and able to read multiple pages nightly
* Good Attendance
* 550 to 600 on 5th Grade Reading SOL
* NOT all "A" students should be recommended
* Reading approximately 2 grade levels above current grade
* Ability to read and comprehend classic literature
* Strong work ethic and time management
* Ability to work in collaboration to demonstrate extended understanding via higher level questioning
* Mastered all basic writing and composition skills with obvious potential for expansion (5  
  paragraph essay)
* Be organized and responsible
* Able to meet all deadlines (homework, classwork, projects, essays)
* Ability to multi-task and remain focused and on task during instruction